

ISHMAEL, SON of ABRAHAM and HAGAR

HAGAR - The ENCYCLIA are symbolized by HAGAR, for as ABRAHAM, when SARAH bore him no child, took the handmaiden,

as the young soul as yet unable to mate with philosophy must have union with the school subjects, the lower and secular education.

True, this is only useful as a stepping-stone to philosophy.

If it is persisted in too long or misused, as it may well be, particularly the rhetorical branch,

it breeds the sophist ISHMAEL and must be cast out, as he and his mother were."

Phil. Introduction

The ENCYCLIA are the ornaments of the soul conceived of as

THE HOUSE which is being fitted to receive the DIVINE GUEST,

the SAPLINGS which must be planted in young minds, the MILK which must precede the meat

the Source of that spiritual strength,

The 'much substance' which ISRAEL must take for its sustenance, AS IT JOURNEYS out of EGYPT.

The ordinary course of education...
commonly called the ENCYCLIA,
consisting of
LITERATURE, RHETORIC, MATHEMATICS,
MUSIC, and LOGIC

HAGAR = the lower education or learning
of the schools

"The wise ABRAHAM complies with (SARAH)
when she recommends the course...
she advises him (ABRAHAM) to beget children
out of the handmaiden, that is
SCHOOL LEARNING, even HAGAR.

This name means 'SOJOURNING' for he that
is studying to make his home in perfect
virtue,

before he...

sojourns with the subjects learned in the schools,
that he may be led by these to apply
his unfettered powers to VIRTUE.

ISHMAELITES BROUGHT JOSEPH TO EGYPT
where JOSEPH IS BOUGHT BY POTIPHAR
(he whom RA has given.) GEN 39.1-23

GEN 16.12 (of ISHMAEL): 'He shall be a WILD ASS
of a man (he who has heard, but not seen),
his hand against everyone, (CANNOT SEE)
and everyone's hand against him.'

v. 13. To the LORD who spoke to her... you are a God
who sees me (Too see = God's special care for
those in need)